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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ICRC VISIT TO GUINEA

REF: A) GENEVA 6924 B) STATE 186662 C) CONAKRY 1369  
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1. SHORTLY AFTER RETURN FROM LEAVE AUGUST 22, CHARGE  
SHOULD SEEK APPOINTMENT WITH PRIME MINISTER BEAVOGUI TO  
DISCUSS POSSIBLE ICRC VISIT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES.

2. CHARGE SHOULD REMIND BEAVOGUI OF HIS OFFER TO VICE  
PRESIDENT MONDALE AND ACTING SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER TO  
RECEIVE IN GUINEA "ANY DELEGATION TO OBSERVE THE  
HUMANITARIAN NATURE OF THE REGIME". YOU SHOULD NOTE THAT  
WE UNDERSTAND HIS OFFER TO HAVE BEEN MADE IN THE CONTEXT  
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OF HIS EXPLANATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN  
GUINEA, WHICH HAS ATTRACTED CONSIDERABLE INTERNATIONAL  
ATTENTION. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT, IN VIEW OF THIS  
ADMINISTRATION'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND PRESIDENT  
CARTER'S PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO THE ISSUE, WE CONSIDER  
THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER TO BE AN ESSENTIAL FACTOR IN  
THE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S.-GUINEAN RELATIONS. YOU

SHOULD SEEK BEAVOGUI'S ADVICE ON THE MOST APPROPRIATE  
MEANS OF PROCEEDING TO ORGANIZE A TRIP BY AN INTERNATIONAL

GROUP TO OBSERVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUINEA.

3. IF BEAVOGUI APPEARS RECEPTIVE, YOU SHOULD SUGGEST  
THAT A GOOD WAY TO BEGIN WOULD BE A VISIT BY A UNIQUELY  
QUALIFIED AND RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION SUCH  
AS THE ICRC. YOU MAY FURTHER INDICATE PER REFTTEL A THAT  
WE HAVE BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME OF THE ICRC'S LONG  
STANDING DESIRE TO RENEW A PRODUCTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH  
GUINEA AND THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT, IN THIS SPIRIT, THE  
ICRC INTENDS TO APPROACH THE GOG IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR  
THE PURPOSE OF INITIATING A DIALOGUE. YOU SHOULD ALSO  
INDICATE PER REFTTEL D THAT THE ICRC'S TRADITIONAL MISSION  
IS TO VISIT PRISONERS AT THEIR PLACE OF DETENTION. THE  
ICRC DOES NOT PUBLICIZE ITS VISITS (EXCEPT TO ANNOUNCE  
THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN PLACE) AND SUBMITS REPORTS ON ITS  
FINDINGS ONLY TO THE GOVERNMENT CONCERNED. NOTE THAT,  
SINCE WE ARE DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE ICRC VISIT PURSUANT  
TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFER, WE WOULD EXPECT THAT THE  
GOG PRIVATELY SHARE WITH US THE FINDINGS OF ANY ICRC  
REPORT. YOU SHOULD ALSO ASK WHAT WOULD BE THE BEST GOG  
CHANNEL FOR ICRC TO USE IN PURSUING THE MATTER DIRECTLY.

4. YOU SHOULD ASSESS PROBABILITY OF GUINEA RECEIVING  
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MEANINGFUL VISIT BY ICRC IN LIGHT OF CONVERSATION.

5. FOR GENEVA: YOU SHOULD AWAIT CONFIRMING INSTRUCTIONS  
FROM DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO APPROACHING ICRC TO INFORM THEM  
OF RESULT OF OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH THE GOG.

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